

REMARKS

In the Decision on Appeal decided on November 24, 2008, the Examiner's rejections of claims 16, 17, 21 and 22 were affirmed. The Examiner's rejection of claims 1 to 9, 12 to 14, 18, 20 and 23 were reversed.

Claims 16, 17, 21 and 22 have been canceled.

Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1 to 9, 12 to 14, 18, 20 and 23 in view of the Decision on Appeal is respectfully requested.

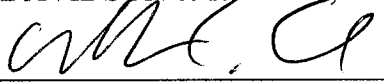
Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

No fee is believed due. If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,
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